

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
June 15, 2006**

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Steve Hill	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Ben Boyce	Director of Leisure Services
	Jim Buchanan	Director of Emergency Services
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Noel Cochran	Fire Chief
	Blake Fonnesebeck	Director of Public Works
	Paul Larsen	Director of Economic Development
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Raymond Poulson	Superintendent of Waste Treatment Plant
	Tyler Pugsley	Superintendent of Water Department
	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
EXCUSED:	Alden Farr	Councilmember

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Farr who was out of town. The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Jensen.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Bell noted that in the May 18, 2006 minutes, Councilmember Hill is listed as given the Reverence Period. It should be Councilmember Bell. On page 3, third paragraph, it reads "the City will not drive that road." She suggested it read, "the City will not drive *the development of* that road." Councilmember Adams noted in the June 1, 2006 minutes on page 2 during the discussion on the salary increase it reads, "the transition will be made so that the amount of increase will be based solely on merit in the future." He would like the comment added that the "criteria will need to be established for the administration of that program." A motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2006 Council and Executive Session; June 1, 2006 Council and Executive Session as amended was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried.

Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
CONSENT**

Request for Approval of Subcontract Renewal with University of Washington  
Promotion in Waste Treatment Department

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2006-07 Budget, Including a Transfer from the Public Utility Fund to the General Fund, a Salary  
Increase to Elected Officials and an Increase in Water, Storm Drain and Waste Collection Fees

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

Demonstration of New Electronic Voting Machines  
Update on Box Elder Community Pantry  
Animal Control Shelter Project

**NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Approval of Revision to City Code Title 11, Emergency Services, to Bring into  
Compliance and Update  
Proposed Water Rate Increase

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Confirming Sale of up to \$2,150,000 Aggregate Principal  
Amount of Taxable Water, Sewer and Electric Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds,  
Series 2006A of the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Relating  
to Such Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Confirming the Sale of up to \$6,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water, Sewer and Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B of the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Relating to Such Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Confirmation of Visioning Work Session on June 22, 2006  
Schedule Work Session to Discuss City Facilities  
Schedule Work Session to Discuss Development Surrounding Airport

**CLAIMS**

Payment Register

Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Hill stated that he attended the Heritage Arts Festival and it was outstanding. He congratulated Paul Larsen and all those who worked on making it such a successful day. Mayor Christensen added that Jolene Crockett was the coordinator. Councilmember Hill said each year it is getting better. The Citizen Corps, City employees and committee members were there all day helping people. It was a very successful day. Another event he attended was a demonstration of the K-9 dogs. He was in awe of what the officers can do with their dogs; the control they have of the dogs. He was very impressed with the demonstration, what the officers have done with the dogs, and the contribution they make to the community.

**CONSENT**

**Request for Approval of Subcontract Renewal with University of Washington**

It was recommended the University of Washington subcontract for the Communities That Care Project be renewed.

**Promotion in Waste Treatment Department**

It was recommended Raymond Poulson be promoted to Waste Treatment Superintendent, Grade E58, effective June 19, 2006.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2006-07 Budget, Including a Transfer from the Public Utility Fund to the General Fund, a Salary Increase to Elected Officials and an Increase in Water, Storm Drain and Waste Collection Fees**

Mayor Pro Tem Adams reported that the Council started with a public hearing and had seven public work sessions, which were all advertised in the newspaper. The budget includes a 10.8% increase in the water rates. The last time this was increased was in 2003. The budget also has a pass-through for the electric rate. This is an anticipated increase to Brigham City Corporation from Utah Power and Light which will be passed on to the customers at the time the City's contract is renewed. There is also a 75¢ increase in storm drain fees, which was recommended by the Public Utilities Advisory Board. There is also a \$1.00 increase for the first garbage can. The Council's proposed budget is \$41,035,443.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bell, seconded and carried. There were no comments from the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded and carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Council's Budget for the 2006-07 year, including a transfer from the Public Utility Fund to the General Fund, a salary increase to

elected officials and an increase in water, storm drain and waste collection fees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

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#### **SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

##### **Demonstration of New Electronic Voting Machines**

Ms. LuAnn Adams, County Recorder, came forward and said voting is one of the most important rights we all have as American citizens. There are several changes in the voting laws that are effective this year. There is a state-wide voter registration data base, ADA polling place, early voting and common polling places. There are also new voting machines. There is a lot of fear and stress about voting on these machines, but it is very simple and easy. Early voting is available 14 days before the election and will continue at the County Recorder's Office 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday until June 23.

Another new law is common polling places. This means that all voters can vote in the same place, instead of having to separate the districts to separate polling places. This year, everyone in Brigham City will vote at the USU Innovation Center (formerly K-Mart building).

Ms. Adams demonstrated the new electronic voting machine to the Council and audience.

Ms. Adams added that this is a closed Republican Primary Election. If a citizen is a registered Republican they may vote in this election. If they are unaffiliated, they can affiliate at the polls and then vote. The election is June 27.

##### **Update on Box Elder Community Pantry**

Rae Riser, Director of the Box Elder Community Pantry, said the Pantry has been a 501C(3) non-profit community organization since 1969. They received a Community Development Block Grant through the Lincoln Center and the City that allowed them to build a new building. The Pantry is committed to provide food assistance to the needy families and/or individuals of Box Elder County regardless of race, color or creed. Each person receiving assistance will be treated with compassion and respect while helping to preserve their dignity in their time of need. Wal-Mart Distribution has been very helpful in our community, as well as Smith's. There is a shopping atmosphere at the Pantry, with shopping carts donated by Smith's. Individuals receive food based on the size of their family.

The Pantry consists of a 2,800 square foot warehouse for food storage. Clients shop in a clean and friendly atmosphere. They have a place for children to play while parents shop. They have a three-member, part-time paid staff. Everything in the office has been donated by Thiokol, Wal-Mart, Autoliv, Vulcraft and the School Board.

They service approximately 385 families per month. They depend on food and financial contributions from individuals, charitable organizations, churches, local businesses and grants.

Ms. Riser said hungry people in Box Elder County are usually employed, married parents with children, but they are in a temporary crises. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 8.7% of Utah residents live below the poverty level and 78,000 are children. Most that come to the Pantry are those working for minimum wage. Last year there were 1,268,760 lbs. of food received at the pantry. Wal-Mart Distribution gave them over 680,000 pounds of food last year. Their operating costs were only \$90,980. Last year there were 4,620 households assisted or the equivalent of 18,797 individuals in Box Elder County. Almost half of those individuals were children.

There are many ways individuals can volunteer: anyone can volunteer at the Pantry; tax deductible financial donations; donate food directly to the Pantry; share the bounties of their garden; provide business services; offer their time, talents and resources; have your group or organization perform a service project.

##### **Animal Control Shelter Project**

Phylene Anderson approached the Council and said she would like permission to do an art project at the Animal Control Center. In 2005, 925 animals went into the Brigham City Animal Shelter. Of those, 588, or

63%, were euthanized; 121, or 13% were adopted; 212, or 23% were claimed. Ms. Anderson said she would like to do an art project to demonstrate to the public the magnitude of the homeless animal population. During the "Utah's Week for the Animals" October 15-21, she would like to plant a flag for each of the 925 animals that go to the shelter. Yellow flags will represent the animals that were adopted or rescued. Red flags would represent those that were claimed by the owners. The white flags will represent those that were euthanized. She will also do a banner to be placed on the shelter that gives statistics and tells what the flags represent. She hopes to get good coverage from the newspapers and TV stations.

Ms. Anderson said she has spoken with the Animal Control Officers, and they both felt this project was a good idea.

MOTION: Councilmember Hill made a motion that the City Council support and endorse Phylene Anderson's project of putting flags up October 15-21, 2006 at the Animal Shelter to represent those animals that have been euthanized, reclaimed, or adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request for Approval of Revision to City Code Title 11, Emergency Services, to Bring into Compliance and Update**

Jim Buchanan and Chief Cochran came to the table. Mr. Buchanan explained that this revision reflects the changes to the City's organization, and several minor updates. It also increases the number of firefighters from 40 to 50, with ten of those being support members, and clarifies their duties and responsibilities.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance revising City Code Title 11, Emergency Services, seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried unanimously.

#### **Proposed Water Rate Increase**

Mr. Blake Fonnesebeck and Mr. Tyler Pugsley came forward and Mr. Fonnesebeck explained that the cost to maintain the City's current water system has increased significantly. For example, they received an engineer's estimate in January for the Perry City emergency interconnect, and then three months later the estimate increased 22%. There has been a large increase in contractor's costs, supplies and materials. These things have to be absorbed without reducing the quality of the system. He and Mr. Pugsley went through an extensive process to determine that approximately \$175,000 was needed to cover the 2006-07 Water Department budget. They figured a 10.8% water rate increase would cover this shortfall.

They looked at both the base rate and the overage rate. The base rate is what the City can count on every year. The overage will vary. Mr. Fonnesebeck explained the proposed rates based on a 3/4" line and approximately 4,600 users. During the winter, the increase would be \$1.05 per month. If a resident used 50,000 gallons of water during the summer, the increase would be approximately \$5.35 per month. Even though it is 10.8% increase, it is really not a lot each month. This will produce the amount needed to maintain the system.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to approve the proposed water rate increases. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion, unanimously carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Confirming Sale of up to \$2,150,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Taxable Water, Sewer and Electric Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A of the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Relating to Such Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters**

Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Alex Buxton, Zions Bank, came to the table. Mr. Sheffield explained that the City paid off the general bond for the waste treatment plant a few years ago, and just paid off the final installment of the 1987A bonds that were issued. There is only one bond outstanding, which is for the 5-million gallon

reservoir in 2001. It was suggested the City should update the indenture from 1987 to 2006. Some of the benefits would be that future bonds would be under this new indenture which is more familiar to the bond investors, the underwriters, the people who sell the bond, and it would be easier for the City to sell the bonds. This resolution takes the bonds that were under the 1987 indenture and puts them under the 2006 indenture exactly the same.

MOTION: Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and confirming sale of up to \$2,150,000 aggregate principal amount of taxable water, sewer and electric improvement and refunding revenue bonds, series 2006A of the City; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents relating to such bonds; and providing for related matters, seconded by Councilmember Adams and unanimously carried.

**Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Confirming the Sale of up to \$6,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water, Sewer and Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B of the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Relating to Such Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters**

Mr. Sheffield explained that this is the bond necessary to provide the funds to construct the storm drain projects. Mr. Buxton said the interest rate for these bonds is 4.08%, which is a great rate.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and confirming the sale of up to \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount of water, sewer and electric revenue bonds, series 2006B of the city; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents relating to such bonds; and providing for related matters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Confirmation of Visioning Work Session on June 22, 2006**

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Visioning Meeting has been rescheduled to June 22 at 5:30, followed by a discussion on the revised General Plan.

**Schedule Work Session to Discuss City Facilities**

Mayor Christensen suggested a work session to discuss City facilities, such as a new building or expansion of the library, expanding the Senior Center and Museum, more room for the Police Department and City Hall. The Council scheduled a work session for July 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**Schedule Work Session to Discuss Development Surrounding Airport**

The Council set a work session for 6:00 on July 6 to discuss future development surrounding the airport.

**CLAIMS**

**Payment Register and Cash Disbursement**

Councilmember Bell moved to approve General Claims dated June 6, 2006 in the amount of \$705,190.45; for the week ending June 13, \$171,681.38; and Cash Disbursements for \$300,225.23. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an RDA meeting was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.